



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02624

Keyword: Organisational Information Technology and Equipment

Subject: Video Conferencing System

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Do you currently have a Video Conferencing system or display in your Interview rooms? If so, can you specify which system you use?

Answer

Within Custody suites PSNI use remote video conferencing in interview rooms. The system used is iPads.

Request 2

How many evidential Interview rooms do you have at each Custody Centre?

Answer

Please see table below.

Custody Suites	Evidential Interview Rooms
Banbridge	2
Lurgan	2
Omagh	4
Dungannon	2
Musgrave	20
Antrim	11
Coleraine	3
Strand Road	3
Bangor (Contingency suite)	3
Strabane (Contingency suite)	2
Total	52

Request 3

Do you have any Virtual Courtrooms in your custody estate? If so, please specify how many and where they are?

Answer

PSNI have virtual courtroom facilities in all Custody suites with the exception of Dungannon (due to wifi connectivity) however, this is presently being addressed. All of them are remote and conducted in interview rooms (see above re numbers). Additionally, Musgrave suite has a further room dedicated for remote courts.

Request 4

What type of Video Conferencing equipment do you currently have in your Virtual Courtrooms?

Answer

PSNI presently uses iPads for virtual courts by way of Sightlink.

Request 5

Do you have a nominated "Digital First" lead in your force? If so, please provide a name and email address for that person?

Answer

PSNI do not have a nominated 'Digital First' lead.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

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In most circumstances, the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out however, the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at their discretion.

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